

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

James Williams, Marciona  
Mitchell,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 19-10850

Judith E. Levy  
United States District Judge

Brian Maurer, Russell Gartha,  
Eric Jachym, Tyler Fegreus,  
Patrick McCormick, Cole Armil,  
and Trevor Elliot,

Mag. Judge Anthony P. Patti

Defendants.

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**ORDER REGARDING DELIBERATIVE PROCESS PRIVILEGE**

This matter came before the Court after a telephonic conference was held regarding a discovery dispute. On December 11, 2019, the Court held a hearing and heard argument regarding the parties' discovery dispute over documents Defendants redacted under the deliberative process privilege. The Court conducted an *in camera* review of a sample of the redacted portions of Defendants' documents.

For the reasons set forth on the record, the Court finds that Defendants' redactions were appropriate. However, Plaintiffs are not

precluded from raising this issue again if they wish to challenge a specific redaction in the future.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 11, 2019  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

s/Judith E. Levy  
JUDITH E. LEVY  
United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and/or pro se parties on this date, December 11, 2019, using the Electronic Court Filing system and/or first-class U.S. mail.

s/William Barkholz  
Case Manager